

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 10-23 are pending. Claims 1, 10, 13 and 14 are amended, and claims 9 and 24-28 are canceled with this response. The provisional allowance of claims 9-14 is noted with appreciation. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.

I. SUMMARY OF CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The Office Action provisionally allowed claims 9-14, while rejecting the other claims. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 9, while claims 10, 13 and 14 have been amended to depend upon amended claim 1. Further, claims 9 and 24-28 are canceled with this response. Therefore the above amendments are believed to place the application into condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.


II. CONCLUSION

For at least the above reasons, the claims currently under consideration are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account Number 50-1733, LLP103US.

Respectfully submitted,
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Date: January 16, 2007


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